

280 BC

Roman armies first encountered a Hellenistic army (phalanxes) in 280 BC when King PYRRHUS of Epirus joined the city of Tarentum in its war with Rome

280-275BC

War with Pyrrhus, who had
been hired by the Tarantines to
fight Rome.

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Romans first came, face to face
with a modern Hellenistic Army
when in 280 BC Pyrrhus came
to the aid of the Greek City of
TARENTUM in Southern Italy